

## MINUTES

### MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING June 5, 2008

Behavioral Health Resource Center  
Conference Room F119-120  
850 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Rialto, CA 92376

**Members present:** Christopher Massa, Carol Grisotti, Veatrice Jews, Jane Mercer, Nick Andonov, Gabriel Gonzales and David Ford, Bill Swift, Jane Ann Godager, Tanya Perry, Susan McGee-Stehsel and Allan Rawland. Minutes recorded by Debi Pasco.

**Guests:** Edward Deyon, Pathways to Recovery; May Farr; NAMI Inland Valley; Beverly Scott, ARCH Morongo Basin; Michael Hill, Public; Christine Edgecome, Family Service Agency; Julie Hovivian, Clarence Smith, John Pi, Vista Guidance Center; Stephen G., Shanaz M., DM FICS; Wayne Henkelmann, Mental Health Court; Kristen Martinez, Michael Oliver, R. Hernandez, Andy Gruchy, Doris Turner, Michael Paulson, Maria Coronado, Michelle Dusick, Lauretta Ross, Gary Atkins, André Bossieux, Dot Walsh, Douglas Fazekas, Charlene Daniels, Bob Sudol, Linda Charkins, David Denkers, Evelyn Solorio, Lisa McGinnis, Lynn Neuenswander, Sharon Alston, Evelyn Solorio, CaSonya Thomas, Paula Rutten, Ralph Ortiz, Rosa Gomez, Lynn Van Gilder, Doug Fazekas, DBH.

### **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Chairperson Andonov called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He introduced Dr. Kray, a potential Mental Health Commission candidate for the Second District. The agenda for this meeting was approved. The minutes of May 1, 2008 were adopted as written.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Andonov stated that we are pressed for time due to the late start of this meeting. He stated he will forego the Chairperson's Report and move directly to the Director's Report by Allan Rawland.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **MHSA**

Director Rawland stated that there are 3 MHSA items on today's agenda for your review and comments which will be explained to you in detail during **NEW BUSINESS**.

1. MHSA Homeless Intensive Case Management and Outreach Services Program
2. MHSA Local Prudent Review
3. MHSA State-Administered Housing Program

Allan stated that we have received approximately \$60 million of MHSA funding since 2005. In addition, we have accumulated \$27 million late start up funding. Fiscal staff will look at the costs over the next five years. In FY 08-09 we will be spending \$31 million.

### **DBH Vision, Mission and Values Statement**

A working group of 11 individuals from contract agencies and DBH staff put their heads together and came up with a new vision, mission and values statement in light of the intent

of the Mental Health Services Act and the principles of transformation. The new statement has been disseminated to all contract agencies, DBH staff and to the Mental Health Commission for review and comment. The working group will reconvene on May 12 to review all of the feedback/suggestions received. The new statement will be unveiled at the State of the Department on June 30, 2008 from 2:30-5:00 pm at BHRC Auditorium.

### **District Advisory Committees (DACs)**

A **DRAFT** of the DAC guidelines were presented to the Commission today. The DACs will provide linkage between the Mental Health Commission (as co-chairs) and the communities within the five Supervisorial Districts. This item will be placed on the June 5<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Commission Public Session agenda.

### **Evening with the Stars**

Evening with the Stars will be held at the Castaway Restaurant on May 14, 2008 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

### **Proposed FY 08-09 State and County Budget:**

The State has a \$20 billion deficit. The Governor's May Revise should be released on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The State is reducing the rate we can bill for Medi-Cal (SMA) resulting in reduced services especially among the contract providers. Some counties are overmatched and are in a difficult fiscal situation. Riverside County does not have enough property tax coming in. San Bernardino County was able to maximize through good planning and maintaining fiscally prudent. DBH is prepared to absorb staff positions from other departments if necessary.

Alcohol and Drug Programs have suffered approximately \$2 million in cuts and we cannot use Realignment to cover expenses.

DBH has made a commitment to increase Medi-Cal/SSI for eligible clients. We have added new Eligibility Workers in the outpatient clinics and have put together training for psychiatrists for proper documentation of SSI.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

No comments at this time.

### **OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS**

No comments at this time.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **Medical Services Overview by Jatin Dalal, M.D.**

Dr. Dalal, Medical Director, provided an overview of Medical Services. He stated that there are currently 53 M.D.s working in Medical Services. We have recently assumed the responsibility of Behavioral Health Inpatient located at Arrowhead Regional Center. Dr. Dalal and Dr. Gordon work together to increase continuity of care within the inpatient and outpatient setting to create a seamless system.

Upcoming DBH Program special presentation to the Mental Health Commission:

- June 5, 2008 – Co-occurring and Chronic Care Model by Gary Atkins, Deputy Director

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. MHSA Homeless Intensive Case Management and Outreach Services Program- \$1.1 million special augmentation funding to replace AB-2034 and recast the homeless program. The plan is currently posted for 30-day public review and provides the following:
  - Outreach Workers
  - Resource Center
  - Full-Service Partnership
  - Levels of Services
  - Walk-in Crisis Center in the West EndDoug Fazekas, Housing Manager will work with Vista Community Counseling to provide permanent housing. Commissioner Mercer made a motion to approve the plan. The motion was seconded and the Commission unanimously approved.
2. MHSA Local Prudent Review - allows us to set aside approximately \$12 million into an account to maintain programs during times of fiscal crisis. This dedication of funds is currently posted for 30-day public review
3. MHSA State-Administered Housing Program- Approximately \$20 million allocation will be jointly administered by the Department of Mental Health and the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA). This item is presently posted for 30-day public review and comment period.

Commissioner Grisotti suggested an enclosed bulletin board be placed in each of the clinic lobbies for posting of information such as this.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**District 1:** Commissioner Swift stated that that after a recent visit to a hospital in Mexico, he felt fortunate to live in the United States.

**District 2:** Chairperson Andonov asked Dr. Dalal if other counties are turning away clients who are uninsured.

**District 3:** Commissioner Massa attended CALMHB/C in April. Items of discussion included Substance Abuse, Veterans Affairs and Trauma Services.

Commissioner Perry stated that the Big Bear Mental Health Alliance will submit their final proposal by the end of the month.

**District 4:** Commissioner Mercer is still very active at Tent City in Ontario. She believes it is important to support the city.

Commissioner Grisotti mentioned that it would be beneficial to the Department and consumers if the documentary The Shaken Tree could be presented at BHRC Auditorium. Doris Turner has been working to arrange this event.

**District 5:** Commissioner Jews has been working with Family to Family and PEI. Community partners are involved.

Commissioner Godager is working on revising the Holiday Tea awards nomination form.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Andonov introduced Myra Morrow, widow of Dr. Stephen Morrow. Ms. Morrow stated that she was glad she could attend this meeting and be among those who thought so much of her husband. She shared a memory and a picture of their daughter with the group.

Director Rawland stated that the Board of Supervisors will present a Resolution for May is Mental Health Month to Dr. Andonov as Chair of the Mental Health Commission on May 6th. He invited the Commission to attend. Lynn Neuenswander will prepare talking points for Dr. Andonov.

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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*Nick Andonov*  
Chairman

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*Debi Pasco*  
Clerk of the Commission